

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-23 are pending and are allowed.

In the aforesaid Office Action (responsive to the Amendment filed September 2, 2005), the Examiner states that the latest version of the claims is not in accordance with reissue practice, and therefore required a new copy of the claims.

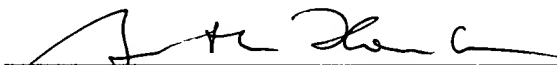
Amendments to claims that were previously submitted, including in the September 2, 2005 Amendment (of claims 6-9), (and the December 16, 2004 Amendment of claims 1, 3, 5, 12 and 13), have been resubmitted in the proper format, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.173(b)(2), as described in MPEP 1453. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c), a separate listing is provided of all patent claims and all added claims, showing the status (pending or canceled) of each claim as of the date of this Response.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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